

SEMI-CENTENNIAL

Zion German Lutheran Church to be Celebrated With a

VERY ELABORATE PROGRAMME

Next Week—A Number of the Leading Lutheran Divines of the Country Will Participate in the Golden Jubilee of This Flourishing Congregation—A Comprehensive History of the Church by Rev. P. J. Hoh.

Beginning next Sunday morning and concluding on the following Thursday evening, the congregation of Zion German Lutheran church will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of this church. Elaborate exercises will mark the close of the half century of this church's existence, and the event is being eagerly looked forward to by the congregation. Several noted divines from a distance will make addresses, among them a former pastor, Rev. F. P. Mayser, of Lancaster, Pa., and Rev. Gottlieb Berkemeier, a son of the late Rev. W. Berkemeier, who was the second pastor of the church. Rev. Gottlieb Berkemeier has charge of an orphan's home at Mount Vernon, N. Y.

A comprehensive history of Zion church has been prepared by the present pastor, Rev. P. J. Hoh, and it is full of interesting data. It traces the church's history from its founding in 1850 to the present, and represents a considerable outlay of time and energy by the compiler. There were thirteen members in the original congregation, four of whom are living, and they first met for worship in the Presbyterian mission house, on Eighteenth street, which is still standing, on May 13, 1850. A year later they bought a lot on the corner of Twentieth and Chapline streets, where now stands the residence of Dr. W. R. Taylor, but being unable to secure sufficient money to erect a substantial edifice, a deal was effected with Messrs. Hobbs, Botsford and Hornbrook, for the Congregational church located on Zion's present site, at the corner of Market street and Alley 13. The consideration was \$5,000, and the lot at the corner of Twentieth and Chapline streets.

This building was blown down on May 21, 1882, and three children attending the parochial school conducted therein by the church were killed and a number of others injured. The present handsome brick structure was erected soon after, and five years ago it was enlarged and further beautified, while this spring other improvements have been added, notably thirteen memorial windows, contributed by the following: F. D. Frederick, Louis Betsch, F. Stroehman, J. L. Stroehman, Henry Kraft, H. F. Nolte, Christian Schneyt, F. C. H. Schwertfeger, Louis Reidel, Mrs. Spears and sisters, the Sunday school and the young ladies' society.

There are very few churches that are not in debt, but the Zion Lutheran is one of the honored few. Five years ago it incurred a debt of \$11,000 in making church improvements, and the debt was wiped out two years ago. The improvements made recently will cost \$5,000 and the money will be forthcoming next Sunday. The congregation is composed of the flower of German-American citizens and its membership includes some of the leading figures of the local business world. The church has been the most successful career and the community in general will wish success to its semi-centennial, and for continued success in the future.

The pastors of the church since its organization by Rev. F. Zimmerman are as follows:

Rev. F. Zimmerman, 1850-53.
Rev. W. Berkemeier, 1853-61.
Rev. F. Lampe, 1861-73.
Rev. F. P. Mayser, 1873-74.
Rev. Otto Merwein, 1874-85.
Rev. Paul Ziegelmeyer, 1885-93.
Rev. P. J. Hoh, 1893.

The deceased pastors were Rev. Messrs. Zimmerman, Berkemeier, Lampe and Merwein.

The church is one of the oldest members of the Pittsburgh synod of the German Lutheran general council. Since its institution there have been 1,000 persons confirmed according to the records, but there must have been more, as no record was kept for the first ten years. The congregation has 250 male voting members, about 500 members all told, and 450 are enrolled in its Sunday school. The church council is composed of the following:

President—H. F. Nolte.
Financial secretary—August Rosel.
Corresponding secretary—Henry Hartman.
Treasurer—F. Stroehman.
Elders—John Ernst, C. A. Meyer.
Trustees—John C. Stroebel, Henry Kraft.

Whereas—Charles H. Schneyt, Louis Reidel, Louis Herb, Richard Koeppen. Within the church are a number of societies, chiefly for benevolent work. The men's society has 112 members, the young men's 50, the ladies' 125, and the young ladies' 75. The choir is in charge of H. C. Arbentz and it numbers 25 members.

The programme for the Golden Jubilee is as follows:

Sunday, 19:15 a. m., first German service, preaching by Rev. J. G. Rimartz, East Liverpool, Ohio.

Sunday, 2:30 p. m., English service; Rev. F. P. Mayser, Lancaster, Pa., a former minister of the congregation.

Sunday, 7:30 p. m., Sunday school services, after a special programme. Addresses by all the visiting clergymen.

Monday evening, 7:30, reunion of all persons confirmed in Zion's church the last fifty years. German sermon by Rev. G. C. Berkemeier, of New York; English sermon by Rev. W. H. Gelsinger, D. D., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Tuesday evening, Ladies' societies' services; German sermon by Rev. F. P. Mayser, Lancaster, Pa.; English sermon, Rev. P. C. Cook, Jewett, Ohio.

Wednesday, no services.

Thursday evening, German service, Rev. P. J. Hoh.

EGGED OUT OF TOWN.

Old Shoemaker Brings Suit Against a Number of Prominent Citizens.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

ELKINS, W. Va., May 17.—The result of a damage suit now pending in the court here is being awaited with a great deal of interest. It will be remembered that as a result of certain complications in the county seat fight here John H. DeWitt, an old shoemaker, was egged out of town, some of the most prominent citizens of the town being charged with participating in the act. Mr. DeWitt brought suit against John T. Davis, son of ex-Senator H. G. Davis and others, for \$10,000, and the case came up this week for trial, with a great array of legal talent on either side. The plaintiff is represented by Major T. P. H. Brown, A. R. Cunningham and W. H. Woodard, while the defendants have Hon. C. Woodruff, Hon. Cyrus H. Scott and William G. Wilson.

Drowned in Middle Island Creek.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

ST. MARY'S, W. Va., May 17.—John Sparks, a young man about twenty years of age, was seized with cramps, and drowned in Middle Island creek, yesterday evening. The accident occurred about six miles east of this city.

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STONE RESIGNS

As General Manager of the Associated Press—Succeeded by Charles S. Diehl.

CHICAGO, May 17.—The board of directors of the Associated Press met today in regular session for the election of officers. The board is now constituted, consists of Messrs. Victor F. Lawson, M. H. De Young, Arthur Jenkins, Charles W. Knapp, L. Markbreit, A. J. Barr, Clark Howell, E. P. Call, Edward Rosewater, George Thompson and Charles H. Grasty.

Mr. Victor F. Lawson declined the office of president and the following officers were elected:

President—Charles W. Knapp.

First Vice President—General Harrison Gray Otis.

Second Vice President—Samuel Bowles, Springfield, (Mass.) Republican.

Secretary and General Manager—Melville E. Stone.

Assistant Secretary and Assistant General Manager—Charles S. Diehl.

Treasurer—John R. Wainwright.

The executive committee—Messrs. Lawson, Knapp, Howell, Barr and Call.

Mr. Stone announced that in view of the action of the shareholders in refusing to modify the by-laws to conform to the law of Illinois as laid down by the recent decision of the supreme court he felt bound to resign the office of secretary and general manager, and his resignation was accepted with regret.

Charles S. Diehl was unanimously elected general manager.

No Right to Ugliness.

The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, sickly and all run down she will be nervous and irritable. If she has impure blood, if she has pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. Electric Bitters is the best medicine in the world to regulate stomach, liver and kidneys and to purify the blood. It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, clear complexion. It will make a good-looking, charming woman of a run-down invalid. Only 50 cents at Logan Drug Co's Drug Store.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

The Features of the Money and Stock Markets.

NEW YORK, May 17.—Money on call easy at 1 1/2 per cent; last loan 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3 1/4 per cent. Sterling exchange easy, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4 58 for demand and at \$4 54 1/2 for sixty days; posted rates \$4 57 1/2 and \$4 58. Commercial bills \$4 54 1/2 to \$4 58. Silver certificates 60 per cent. Bar silver 60c. Mexican dollars 47 1/2c.

Government bonds steady.

State bonds inactive.

Railroad bonds steady.

The demand for railroad stocks which has given strength to the market for a number of days past has been satisfied and prices fell back today, in that department of the stock list. This is due to a decrease for the first time since mid-summer of 1898. Last week's decrease was looked upon in Wall street as a sort of turning point in the railroad situation and a declining scale of earnings was expected, especially as the week's reports of west-bound merchandise movement have been discouraging.

To-day's report showing the largest earnings for St. Paul of any corresponding week in its history was a relief, but the resulting strength in the stock was not maintained. Rumors of the same kind as those which moved the purpose of the bulls yesterday continued to circulate, such as that Union Pacific and Pennsylvania was to secure control of Burlington or Atchafalpa preferred was to receive its full dividend or new millionaire interests were to be represented in Missouri Pacific, but all of these stories were heard with languid interest and prices recovered from the depression of the day.

In the industrial list, the losses in price were not so great as yesterday. The American Tobacco was under severe pressure all day on account of the circumstantial assertions of the organization of formidable competition. The stock lost over six points, closing at the lowest. Sugar suffered from reports that the trade was to be made more acute, and People's Gas continued under pressure by the new corporate element amongst the traders.

An advance in the price of copper was responsible for the sharp rise in Anaconda and had some sentimental effect on the stocks of other metal companies. The stocks in that group were dull and the movement very uncertain, the news concerning the iron trade continuing generally unfavorable. Both the Bank of England and the Bank of France made strong weekly returns and the money conditions in London and Paris showed relief accordingly. The probability of further gold exports from here is thus diminished. The loan money is thus diminished. The loan money is thus diminished.

The bond market was decidedly dull, but showed some advances. Total sales par value, \$1,648,000.

United States bonds were unchanged in the bid quotations.

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